Sale and publication of Hindi newspapers in Punjab

705. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sale of Hindi newspapers and other magazines has considerably gone down recently in Punjab;

(b) whether it is also a fact that publishing of a number of Hindi Newspapers and Magazines has been stopped there, if so, the number thereof separately; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir, to some extent. The prevalent law and order situation has affected the Print Media also. However, the fluctuations in circulation is a general phenomenon.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on he table of the House.

(c) Since the law and order is primarily the concern of the State Government, the matter has been brought to the notice of the State Government of Punjab.

Kashmiri Migrants

706. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who migrated from Kashmir to various places in the country from 1st December, 1989 till date and the details thereof;

(b) the number of persons rehabilitated so far, alongwith details of schemes if any, under consideration of Government to provide gainful employment to these imigrants; and

(c) the number of migrants who returned to Kashmir so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) 54,836 and 16,095 families have registered as migrants at Jammu and Delhi respectively. Some families have migrated to other States as well.

It is the endeavour of the Government to enable return of the migrants to their homes as soon as the situation improves in the Valley. Therefore, their permanent rehabilitation outside the Valley has not been contemplated. However, their basic needs are being taken care of.

There is no confirmed reports of any family having premanently returned to the Valley so far.

Decline in employment generation in Private sector

707. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep decline in employment generation in the private sector during the recent years;

(b) if so, whether any study has been undertaken to ascertain the cause thereof; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to help the private sector industry for generating more employment potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) Estimates based on the results of the 38th Round (1983) and 43rd Round (1987-88) surveys of National Sample Survey Organisation (N.S.S.O.) show that employment in the private sector as a whole has not registered a decline during this period. However,